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## Conviction in Radio Station Bomb Trial

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### Houston

A Houston area member of the Ku Klux Klan faced up to 12 years in prison after being convicted Tuesday of plotting to blow up radio stations in California.

Jimmy Dale Hutto, 24, of Pasadena, Tex., also was found guilty by a jury of six men and six women on two counts of federal gun law violations.

Sentencing was set for October 2.

Hutto said he will appeal the convictions.

He was convicted of conspiring to destroy transmitters of radio stations KPFK in Los Angeles and KPFA in Berkeley, both owned by Pacifica Foundation.

Hutto is under indictment in Houston in state court also on a charge of blowing up the transmitter of Pacifica's Houston station in 1970.

Jurors found that Hutto was able to buy a pistol despite the fact that he had been committed three times to mental institutions. The law forbids purchase or possession of a gun by a convicted felon or a person who has been judged mentally incompetent.

FBI agents arrested Hutto with Russell Rector, 18, and Ronford Styron, 20, last January 15 as they drove west from Houston.

Rector and Styron testified they were fellow members with Hutto in the United Klans of America and he recruited them to help him blow up the transmitters of the California stations. They decided not to go through with the plot and notified the FBI, they said.

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Chief defense lawyer,  
J.B. Stoner.